



COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

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TOWN OF LOS GATOS COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION

**FEBRUARY 5, 2009
5:00 P.M.**

**Neighborhood Center
208 East Main Street
Los Gatos, California**

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1. ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4, 2008 MINUTES (Attachment 1)

3. COMMUNICATIONS

(Three minute time limit per speaker for subjects not on agenda.)

3.1 Verbal

3.2 Written

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

4.1 Steering Committee (Cardillo)

a. Review Draft Questionnaire for March 26, 2009
Council/Commissioners Retreat

4.2 Evaluation Committee (Gomez)

a. Review Schedule
b. Next Meeting February 19

5. COMMUNITY SERVICES CONNECTION

6. LIAISON REPORTS: Informational Reports

6.1 General Plan Committee (Cardillo)

6.2 County Housing and Community Development; Citizens Advisory Committee: (Gomez) – No Report

6.3 Town Youth Commission (Hadar)

6.4 Drug Free Community (Blackstock)

6.5 Senior Services Consortium/COA (Marcus)

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.1 Sustainability Committee – Informational Report (Attachment 2)

8. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to March 12, 2009.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. December 4, 2008 Minutes
2. Sustainability Committee Minutes

ATTENDANCE: Please contact the Commission Chair or the Community Services Department at (408) 354-6888 if you are unable to attend. The current Town Attendance Resolution states that any commissioner who is absent from four regular meetings held in a twelve month period, shall surrender his or her office on the Commission.

Sustainability Committee Notes December 11, 2008 Meeting
(Action Items are in bold)

1. Welcome

- Staff highlighted notes summarizing the October 2, 2008 Sustainability Committee meeting.

2. Measuring Greenhouse Gases

- Ms. Falkner reported on the status of the ICLEI greenhouse gas inventory in which the Town is participating. The tentative date for completion is spring 2009. The Town is still at the forefront in terms of estimated date of completion for municipalities taking part in the inventory. Ms. Falkner informed the group that the Town will complete the inventory again in a future year as a means of comparison.

3. General Plan Update

- Ms. Falkner reported that she had spoken with Project Planner Curtis Banks and the General Plan Update Committee had nothing new to report. **Ms. Falkner also announced she would be placing Sustainability Committee members on the List Serve for the General Plan Update. Barbara Spector suggested that all minutes and attachments from the Sustainability Committee meetings be forwarded to the General Plan Update Committee. Ms. Falkner will follow-up on this request.**

4. Informational Reports

- **Local Green Activities**
 - Collete Lynner reviewed the "Possibilities to Further Improve Sustainable Culture in Los Gatos" sheet she had written listing the Town's various environmental protection efforts and where they could be improved.
 - **Ms. Holden mentioned the "Green" display that will be in the library and said she would follow up on finding out about any other software available to track energy usage in homes. Staff will market the availability of the "Kill-a-Watts" for checkout from the library.**
 - **Marico Sayoc said she would send Ms. Lynner information on the "Cycle Recycling" program.**
 - **Ms. Lynner said she would call around to restaurants in Los Gatos to determine which are using polystyrene packaging alternatives.**
 - Ms. Lynner informed the committee that the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition has offered staff a bike parking lot for the Town's summer concerts. Ms. Spector referred Ms. Lynner to Sgt. Langer of the Los Gatos Police Department for any permit information needed.
 - An update was given on the LED lights on the Christmas tree and Bridge. Last year, the tree had 1600 lights costing \$1600 in electricity. This year, the tree has 7000 LED lights costing less than \$100.
 - **Ms. Lynner said that she would e-mail her list to Committee members in order for them to provide feedback and add items where necessary.**

- **CNG Fueling Station**
 - Todd Capurso reported that the CNG filling station on Miles Ave. is not accessible for several reasons including: the location of the station within the Corporation Yard, the lack of a use permit to allow public use and that the Town is currently unable to operate the station as a source of revenue because of the necessary agreements with the owning agency. He also said that Los Gatos will potentially be offering limited access to the station to the City of Campbell.
- **Los Gatos Museum Installs Native Garden**
 - Ms. Falkner announced the new native species garden planted at the Tait Ave. facility and included an article in the agenda from losgatosobserver.com on the garden.
- **Irrigation**
 - Todd Capurso reported that SCVWD was paid to look at Los Gatos' parks water efficiency. The Parks Department recently made improvements to the irrigation system at Bachman Park which resulted in a 30% reduction in water use. In light of budget constraints, the Parks and Public Works Department is working on interim improvements to water efficiency in Town infrastructure.
- **Plastic Bag Recycling**
 - Santa Clara County is moving forward with a plan that aims for a 25 cent fee for paper or plastic bags.
- **Ms. Falkner reviewed the "Growing Greener Together" theme of "Season's Greenings" and said she has suggested to the Los Gatos Weekly Times that they begin running a tip from "Growing Greener Together" every month.**
- **Barbara Holden said she would e-mail Committee materials on public area recycling produced by the West Valley Green Leaf Committee.**